

**REMARKS**

Initially, the Applicant would like to take the time to thank the Examiner for the time taken and courtesies extended in the telephonic interview of January 5, 2004. The Examiner's comments on the format of the claim language were extremely helpful, and have been utilized to format the claims as incorporated herein.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, based on the contention that they are claim 1 is indefinite as written. The Examiner has noted, however, that the claims as written appear to be drawn to allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims as above to clarify the language of the invention, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant submits that the current claims as amended should now be in condition for allowance.

Based on the above, reconsideration and passage to allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-10 is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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